PRICE TWO CENTS. (ON TRAINS

AMERICANS PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL

In Operations Before Calumpit. Aguinaldo is Putting up a Stiff Argument.

MAKING A LAST DITCH STAND.

MacArthur has Succeeded in Taking a Portion of the Beseiged City.

THE MOVEMENTS OF LAWTON.

Has Driven the Enemy Before him ... Insurgents use Artillery for First Time.

WASHINGTON, April 26.-The folfowing cablegram was received at the war department late this evening: MANILA, April 26.

To Adjutant General, Washington. Lawton at Norzagaray and Angat His two columns united have driven enemy to north and west. Slight casualties, names not reported. Only means of communication couriers.

MacArthur has taken a portion of Calumpit south of the river. Movement attended with difficulties on account of jungle, heat and strong entrenchments. His casualties yesterday three killed. eleven wounded.

Developments thus far satisfactory.

AGUINALDO'S DEFENSE

Of Calumpit is Very Energetic-The Americans are Advancing Slowly. Rebels Use Artillery for the First

MANILA, April 26, 6:10 p. m .- Aguinaldo's army to-day is defending Calumpit energetically, which is said to indicate that the rebels are finally making that place their last ditch, or stand, which the Americans expected them to make at Maloles. For the first time the Filipinos are employing artillery. They brought two guns into action in the trenches to-day before Calumpit, firing modern shrapnel, which burst over the heads of Gen. Wheaton's men without effect

The fighting was resumed at 6 o'clock this morning.

During the night the American engineers repaired the Bagbag bridge, thus enabling our troops to cross the river. Gen. Wheaton's brigade advanced in

extended order, with the Kansas regi-ment to the west of the railroad and the Montana regiment to the east of it, and took up a position covering one and a half miles on the south bank of the Rio Grande. On the opposite bank were fortified trenches, from which a few American soldiers would have been able to defy thousands, so strongly were they constructed.

The Americans found the trenches on the south bank of the river deserted, which furnished them with cover from which they could pick off Filipinos whenever one of them showed his head. Rebels Using Artillery.

When the rebels began firing, two puffs of smoke simultaneously from the trenches on each side of the railroad track, showed they were using cannon, which was a genuine surprise to the Americans. Several shells burst cleze to General Wheaton's staff, but it seemed that the Filipinos failed to master the machinery of the modern shells as they were unable to get the right

Young's Utah battery was ordered into position, in the center of the Kansas regiment, to silence the rebel guns and at 11 o'clock the rapid fire guns had been ferried across the river and came into line.

At noon the rebels were still pouring a heavy fire in the direction of the Americans, who returned it spiritedly.

Two Americans were willed and sever were wounded. At about this time Gen. Hale's bri-

gade was advancing east of the line apparently to cross the river and attack the rebel trenches in the flank. General MacArthur has secured an

order issued by Aguinaldo to the rebe commanders telling them to instruct the men to economize their fire, save the empty shells and not to fire at the enemy when the latter is under cover. The Filipinos are also instructed never to fire at a longer range than 150 meters and, when they have a river or other until within eighty metres.

This order was issued after the recent encounters between the Filipinos

and the Americans Meeting With Obstacles.

General Lawton is meeting with the greatest obstacles in the character of the country. His troops have only had a few skirmishes thus far resulting in live of his men being injured. But, he has been forced to put his men at work building roads and the transport service is giving much trouble, bullocks dying of the heat and exhaustion and Chinamen having to be employed in pulling tome of the carts. Therefore the genhas been unable to cover the ground he hoped to cover.

The natives flee before the expedition, but they swarm back to their huts as soon as the American troops have pass-

A few Filipino sharpshooters are har-

fassing the American flanks.
The commissary department is preparing to send more rations under a

Atrong escort to the front. The United Stages transport Zealana, from San Francisco, March 28, having on board several companies of the

Ninth infantry and a large amount of supplies, arrived here to-day after an uneventful voyage. Her troops are now camped on the water front.

The United States transport Sheridan sails for home to-morrow. She will take among her pasengers General Charles King and Mrs. Col. Stotsenberg, who is conveying her husband's body to the United States. The Sheridan also has on board several officers families who find Manila an undesirable

HORRIBLE CRIME.

A Widow and Four Children Murdered and Their Bodies Burned. Stepson Accused of the Deed.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 26,-A special to the Post-Dispatch from Malden, a small village in southeastern Missouri, says Mrs. Jane Tettaton, widow of Wash, Tettaton, a prominent man of that section, and her four children were murdered last night. The bodies were partially incinerated in their home, J. H. Tettaton, a son of Wash, Tetta-ton by his first wife, is under arrest for the crime.
J. H. Tettaton as the administrator of the large estate of his father, bad be of which was set on fire by the murderer.

the crime.

J. H. Tetatom as the administrator of the large estate of his father, had been at law frequently with Mrs. Tetatom over the property disputes, but yesterday a basis of settlement had been agreed upon. Tettaton went to his step-mother's home last night to adjust matters and that was the last seen of the widow and her children alive. About 9 o'clock neighbors saw that the Tettaton home was on fire and on reaching there discovered the bodies of the five victims in the flames. Vigorous efforts on the part of those present saved the house from total destruction. As it was the bodies were burned past recognition. One of the children had a built wound in the head and half the mother's skull was gone.

J. H. Tettaton was found in the yard with thirteen knife wounds on the head and face, apparently unconscious. His wounds are trifling.

Tettaton told many conflicting stories of the affair, but sticks to the statement that the crime was committed by two unidentified men, who came up while he and his step-mother were talking, and demanded money. He refused to give it up and the men opened fire. At the first shot, Tettaton said, the widow fell, and as he ran into the yard he was cut and ben; into insensibility. He claims to be entirely ignorant of all that followed.

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The dead woman seems to have had a presentiment that something would happen to her. She spoke to a neighbor

presentiment that something would happen to her. She spoke to a neighbor of this yesterday and told of a mysterious visit by Tettaton made to the house recentily at night.

There is intense feeling against Tettaton, and as there have been threats of lynching made, the sheriff has taken him to a safe place. A knife and pistol identified as the property of Tettaton have been recovered from the ruins.

Tettator, is a member of the board of town trustees of Bernle, eight miles from Moiden.

MIDDLEBORO, Ky., April 20.—The body of Mrs. Virginia Brook was found in Lee county. Virginia this in Lee county. Virginia, thirty, miles from here, lying on a log heap, partly burned, but easily recognized. It is supposed that a man who has been paying respects to her murdered her and attempted to burn the body.

ADMIRAL DEWEY

On the Coghlan Incident-Says His Relations with German Naval Officers Are Most Pleasant. NEW YORK, April 26.—A copyright

able to the Evening World from Manila, April 26, says:

Admiral Dewey was seen to-day by the World correspondent on the Capt. Coghlan Incident. The admiral is still unacquainted with

the details of the famous speech, but he declared that his relations with Capt. Coghlan are most cordial

He received a cubiegram from the captain of the Raleigh when that warship reached Algiers, congratulating the

admiral on his promotion.

Admiral Dewey is certain that Coghan could not have said anything calcu-ated to place the admiral in a false po-

sition.

He showed the World correspondent a He snowed the world correspondent letter from Admiral Von Diedrichs, of the German navy, congratulating him on his "deserved promotion," and also his letter in reply, which closed with the words "All our differences were o ewspaper manufacture.'
Admiral Dewey

newspaper manufacture."
Admiral Dewey also says he is on the most friendly terms with Prince Henry of Prussia, who succeeded Von Diedrichs as commander-in-chief of the German fleet in Chinese waters.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION

Of a Torpedo-Two Oil Men Blown to Fragments,
BUFFALO, N. Y., April 26.-A Brad-

ford, Pa., special to the Express says: Two well shooters, Joseph Smalley and Daniel Lucas, were to-day blown to fragments, and George R. Gibbons and John Knox were injured by the ex plosion of a torpedo, near the Kinzau viaduct, sixteen miles south of Bradford.

The four men had driven an oil well on the Devonia company, and had pre-pared a torpedo and were filling it. The work was nearly done when through some unknown cause the explosion oc-curred.

courred.

Derrick, boller house and machinery were wrecked. Smalley was annihilated. Lane, his assistant, was partly beheaded. Gibbons, who was in the boller house, was covered with wreckage, but not seriously injured, and Knox was badly bruised and stunned. All four men lived in Bradford.

The shock was felt for miles around, and it was at first feared that the big Kinzau viaduct had been injured, but railroad men say it is all right.

Wreck on Norfolk & Western.

PETERSBURG, Va., April 26.—A west cound passenger train on the Norfolk & Western railroad became derailed near here to-night and every car but the sleeper was wrecked. The injured: C Seeper was weeked. The injured! C. C. Andrews, Petersburg, Va. W. C. Cullen, Lynchburg, express messenger, ankle sprained; Samuel Ernstein, New York, shoulders bruised; P. H. Dunenberg, Bultimore, severely injured. All were brought to this city.

A Chair of Politics.

PRINCETON, N. J., April 26,-A friend of Princeton University, whose name has not been disclosed, has endowed a new chair to the value of \$100,000, to be called the professorship i politics.

THE DELAY IN PAYING THE CUBANS

Is Caused by Inability to Decide as to Proper Disposition of Money.

THE HAVANA PRESS BITTER

On Attitude of This Government Ludlow's Administration Severely Roasted.

HAVANA, April 26 .- Gen. Gomez and the committee of consulting Cuban generals are sending dispatches around the island asking the various subordinate commanders to make returns of the number of their men, as it is believed that the rolls submitted contain too many cooks, camp followers and privates who left the army long ago. the opinion of Gen. Gomez no more than 30,000 are entitled to pay. The delay in making the payment is caused solely by this inability to decide as to a proper disposition of the \$3,000,000.

La Discuscion says editorially to-day "All appear imbued with a species of insanity. They do not realize the destiny planned by the military adminis tration. For President McKinley the Cubans do not exist, but only Gomez and Cuban independence now depends solely on President McKinley who is guided entirely by the American milltary comanders in the island, just as Spain was guided by her captain general. There is no difference between President McKinley and Secretary Alger and Senor Sagasta and Senor Canovas; no difference between Gen. Brook

McKinley and Brooke and Sagasta and Weyler." La Lucha denounces the administration of Major General Ludlow, military governor of Havana, as "superfluous. It adds: "It is not too much to say that the government now existing in Havana interferes with itself. Senor Mora (the civil governor) does nothing, and he does not suit Gen. Ludlow, who is not

and Gen. Bates and Marshal Blanco

and Gen. Arolas; no difference between

the right man for the place.'
Shortly before 12 o'clock last night five American soldiers, one wearing a police badge on his coat, entered the Cafe la Alegria, in El Vedado, and called for refreshments. The refusal of the waiter to serve drinks angered them and they

The proprietor summoned the police and their arrival was the signal for a general fight. The police fired several shots into the air, thinking thereby to intimidate the soldiers, but the latter rushel upon them, clubbel them with the bottles and succeeded in making their escape from the cafe with one ex ception. This man, the police held and attempted to carry to the police station, but when they were passing the encampment of the Second artillery the soldier escaped and ran into the camp, the guard refusing to allow the police to pass the line.

A GREAT GATHERING.

Phenomenally Large Attendance on Assembly of Womens Foreign Miss-ionary Society of Presbyterian Church.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 26.-The first day's session of the twenty--ninth assembly of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, meeting in the East Liberty Presbyterian church was Delegates continued to arrive during the forenoon and It was not until the close of the morning session that the enrollment commit tee closed the books and pronounced its work complete. The attendance from

work complete. The attendance from abroad is phenomenally large.

Mrs. C. P. Turner, of Philadelphia. was in the chair when the assembly opened to-day. The president delivered words of greeting to the assembly. In a happy manner she culogized the Presbyterians of Pittsburgh and the city itself. Incidentally she touched upon the expansion policy of the nation. If there should be a call for missionaries in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines it must be met.

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The annual statement of the treasurer showed the receipts from all sources to have been \$15,141 25. This was a few hundred dollars less than hast year.

Mrs. William Watters, Presbyterian secretary, read the report of the home secretary, Mrs. J. A. Bogardus. The year, the report sald, had been an uneventful one in the Presbyterial and synodical societies. Eight new auxiliaries had been reported. The report on publication was read by Mrs. B. B. Comegys, fr., of Philadelphia. It was prepared by Mrs. Julia A. Wilson, Over 70,000 copies of the publication of the society had been issued during the year and the circulation had slightly decreased.

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An impressive scene followed. The nudlence rose and sang a missionary hymn. During the singing the president gathered around her on the platform fourteen returned missionaries. When the hymn was concluded they were formally introduced to the nudlence and in turn made brief addresses. Some of them were well known to the Pittsburghers present. Pittsburghers present. Mrs. C. N. Thorpe we

orpe was introduced and gave an interesting survey of foreig work in India, Siam and South Amer ca. She reported success in all thes

The most interesting part of the after The most interesting part of the after-noon's session was a talk on "ittnerat-ing in the Ningpo district," given by Miss E. Cunningham, of Huntingdon, Pa. Miss Cunningham has been a missionary in Central Caina so long— seven years—that Mrs. Turner in in-troducing her jocularly requested that she be not taken as a "heathen Chi-nee."

The evening session was devoted to

Will Make no Defens

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 26,-According to Chief Wilkle, of the secret service, all the men arrested in connection with the exposure of the great counterfeiting plot with the exception of

Ellery P. Ingham, and Harvey K. New-itt, will plead guilty when their cases are called for trial in the United States court. Chief Wilkie states that the chain of evidence is so complete against Jacobs, the prime mover in the con-spiracy, Kendig and Burns, his associ-ates in Lancaster, Taylor and Bredell, the young engravers of this city, who made the counterfeit plates and Down-ey, the deputy internal revenue collecey, the deputy internal revenue colle ter at Lancaster, who is charged with having accepted bribes, that they will attempt to set up no defense, but will throw themselves upon the mercy of the

SENATOR FRYE HONORED.

He is Given a Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria for Obtaining Harbor Im provements for New York City.

NEW YORK, April 26,-Senator Will-iam P. Frye, of Maine, chairman of the senate committee on commerce, was siven a dinner to-night at the Waldorfsiven a dinner to-night at the Waldorf-Astoria, as a testimonial for his efforts in obtaining for New York City the Improvements allowed in the recent river and harbor bill passed by congress, The dinner was given by the Produce Exchange, Maritime Association of the port of New York, the steamship interests, Cotton Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, Merchant's Association, Board of Trade, Eoard of Marine Underwriters, National Board of Marine Underwriters, Ex-Mayor William L. Strong was chairman of the general committee of 200 and Gustav H. Schwab, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, was secretary.

Nearly 500 guests sat down at the fifteen tables in the grand banquet hall. The room was resplendent with flags and flowers. Back of the guests of honor tables were festoons and garlands of flags and two large banners-bearing the seals of the states of New York and Maine. Around the balcony were silten flags and banners bearing the seals of the other states.

The guests marched to the banquet Astoria, as a testimonial for his efforts

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The guests marched to the banquet room at half past 7 o'clock. Governor Roosevelt was chairman.

Others present at the guests of honor table, seated on either side of Governor Roosevelt and Senator Frye, were Abner McKinley, Charles Stewart Smith, former Governor Morton, General Merliam, Senator Depew, George R. Bidwell, Senator Pasco, Senator Gorman, W. Bayard Cutting, Senator Platt, A. E. Orr, Charles A. Schieren, William L. Strong Andrew H. Green, James S. Sherman, Dr. Van Dyke ahd Congressman Cummings.

Governor Roosevelt held a brief levee just before the guests went to the dining hall.

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While the dinner was in progress, Mr.
and Mrs. George C. Boldt entertained at their home in honor of Mrs. Senator-Frye and her two grand-daughters, the Misses White and Briggs. Among the guests were Mrs. Abner McKinley, Mrs. Elihu Root, W. H. Truesdale, and Mr. Thorsten Nordenfelt, chamberlain to the king of Norway and Sweden. Thorston Nordenfelt, chamberlain to the king of Norway and Sweden. After the dinner, the party went into the hotel to listen to the speeches. The menu cards were very pretty, two satin card boards fastened with ribbons.

The frontispiece was engraved with an embossed cluster of flags in colors above which was the portrait of Senator above which was the pottrait of Senator Fryc. On one side was the old vessel in which Hendrick Hudson and his crew entered fish harbor, while in the opposite corner was a modern steamship of great draft, showing the advance in shipping in this country.

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EXECUTIVE MANSION,

WASHINGTON, April 26.

"While the pressure of public business prevents an acceptance of the invitation to attend the banquet this evening, I am glad to express my gratification that so notable an opportunity is presented for the discussion of the great questions of trade and commerce. Such interchange of thought on those topics cannot but have substantial results and will help to mulatain and advance our prestige in the markets of the world. You have my very best wishes for a most successful and inspiring gathering, and I beg that you will convey to the guest of honor of the evening, Senator Frye, my congratulations upon this splendid recognition of his devotion to the commercial and industrial interests of the country.

(Signed) interests of the country.
(Signed.) "WM. M'KINLEY."

ADMIRAL KAUTZ'S LETTER

To a Relative was Funny, but it was

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.-The publication of Admiral Kautz's letter, referring to his position at Samoa, causreferring to his position at Samoa, caus-ed absolute consternation at the navy and state departments at first reading, but there was soon exhibited a disposi-tion to minimize the affair because. It was clearly apparent that the letter was nothing more than a strictly private communication passing between mem-bers of the same family.

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The letter was brought to the atten-tion of the President and some sort of a reminder may be sent to the officer to be once careful in his correspondence. The spirit of fun in the letter appealed to some of the diplomatic officials who laughed heartily over Kautz's descrip-tion of the young king's make-up, and this amusing feature largely offset any britation which might have been felt over the criticism contained in the let-ter. The impression prevailed, however, that the navy department probably would deal with the indiscretion in such a way as it deserved.

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The case of Captain Coghlan may be considered as finally closed. The German ambassador called at the white house this afternoon and had a conference on the subject with the President of such a satisfactory nature that the matter was regarded as settled. During the day the navy department administered to Captain Coghlan the reprimand which had been decided upon yesterday, as stated in these dispatches. This was in the form of a letter from Secretary as stated in these dispatenes. This was in the form of a letter from Secretary Long to the officer. It is stated at the department that the letter will not be made public before the officer has received it, and probably not then.

THE GEORGE TRIAL

Arguments not Finished-Case, may go to Jury To-day.

CANTON, O., April 26.-The closing argument in the trial of Mrs. George argument in the trial of Mrs, George was in progress when court adjourned to-day. Prosecuting Attorney Pomerene began his argument shortly after 2 o'clock and will conclude to-morrow. It is now thought the jury will be charged immediately after the noon recess on Thursday. Mrs. George sat all day with downcast eyes and was occasionally moved to tears as the story of sionally moved to tears as the story of her life was narrated. The court room was thronged and many who could not gain admittance stood in the corridors.

Fireman Killed.

AUBURN, Ind., April 26.-The Baltimore & Ohio limited, west-bound, ran into a freight train at a side-track at of the limited, was killed, and Engineer Sam Martin probably fatally hurt, None of the passengers were injured.

SECOND DAY'S **PROCEEDINGS** OF GRAND ARMY

The Reports of Various Officers Show Order to be in Flourishing Condition.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Holds a Very Interesting Session. The Work of the Year Highly Satisfactory,

Special Dispatch to the Intelligences TERRA ALTA, W.Va., April 26 .- The second day of the state encampment of Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans, openca this morning. The old veterans and many of the ladies of the Relief Corps were out bright and early, and the streets of our beautiful mountain city were thronged long, before the breakfast hour. The weather man has been entirely in favor of the encampment up to the present hour, and with the exception of an occasional April shower the weather has been fair and During the day just closed, warm. many of the visitors went to Lake Terra Alta, and other points of interest, near town, and one and all appear to be enjoying the encampment hugely.

Council of Administration.

The council of administration opened at 9 a. m. There were present Commander R. Robertson; Sr. V. C., A. Brandley; J. S. Buckey, C. B. McIntosh and S. B. Ayres. The examination of the accounts of the assistant adjutant and quartermaster general resulted in flindings as follows:

Receipts, \$996 14; expenditures, \$704 31; balance-on hand, \$291 83. At the oper meeting held in the opera house, Rev. O. S. Reed upon the part of the citizens of Terra Alta delivered a most stirring speech of welcome. Rev. Reed is na-tional chaplain of the United States Veteran Signal Corps Association, of Lyon Post No. 44, East Liverpool, Ohlo, and has added materially to the success of the encampment.

The response to the address of welcome was delivered by Hon. Romeo H. Freer, in his usual happy vein. Mr. Freer is without doubt the most popular man at the encampment, and is making friends everywhere.

Quarters had been arranged for the G. A. R. in the opera house, for the W. R. C. in K. of P. hall, and for the Sons of Veterans, in Odd Fellows hall. The different organizations adjourned their respective places of meeting at about 10 a. m., and the work of the camp was declared to be in order.

The report of the committee on cre-dentials, R. H. Freer, W. C. Leonard, A. Brandley, A.C. Moore and J. S. Watson was adopted.

Officers Reports.

The report of the assistant adjutant general was as follows: Posts in good standing, 58; membership, 1,456; loss by death during the year, 37; by transfer 12; by suspension, 322, against 65 reinstated. The report of Assistant Quartermaster General Joseph A. Arkle, showed as follows: Received from predecessor \$281 48; vouchers from predecessor, \$3 capita tax, \$637 35; supplies sold, \$44 96; charters, \$30. Total \$990 17. Disburse ments, \$704 31, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$296 83.

Chaplain Taylor Richmond's report was quite incomplete, made so by the failure of the posts to report to him as required. The committee on the death Commander-in-Chief Sexton, was composed of W. C. Leonard, Romeo H. Freer and A. C. Moore, and their report was in the shape of apropriate resolu-

tions of bereavement and sympathy. Woman's Relief Corps.

The seventh annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, met in the Knights of Pythias hall. In the absence of Mrs Helen M. Lavelley, department president, Mrs. Mary C. Moeck presided. The morning session was devoted to the president's and officers reports. The work of the year is highly satisfactory, showing increased interest in the work and substantial growth. An exemplification of the ritual by Andrew Mather No. 11, of Parkersburg, was first class. and calculated to aid other corps in their work. There are representatives from all corps of the state, forty-one delegates, besides many visitors being present, Mrs. Lavalley is to be congratulated upon her efficiency as presi dent. Mrs. Mary J. Freer, of Harrisille; Mrs. Harriet Palmer, of Wheeling: Mrs. Charlotte Fitzgerald, of Huntington; Mrs. Mary J. Walden, of Grafton: Mrs. Mary C. Moeck, of Parkersburg; Mrs. Mary C. Leeds ,of Grafton; Mrs. Ellen F. Daniels, of Charleston, are among the active workers in the encampment.

Prominent Persons Present. Prominent G. A. R. men present, are Joseph A. Arkle and Richard Robert-

son, of Wheeling; Congressman-elect R. H. Freer, Charles R. Lavalley, of Huntington; Arnold Brandley, of Elkins; J. S. Buckley, of Parkersburg; S. B. Ayres, of Grafton; Curtis B. McIntosh, of Charleston; M. B. Bartlett, of Parkersburg; James S. Watson, of Morgantown; George B. Woodcock, of New Martinsville; D. J. Johnson, of Huntington.

At 7 o'clock this evening the mem bers of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans, headed by the Zeller band, formed in parade and with flags and banners flying and stepping to the strains of Yankee Doodle, marched over the principal streets of the town. The three organizations held a camp fire in the opera house afterwards. The large room was literally packed.

[The address of Department Commander Robertson will be found on the sixth page.

MINERS HOSPITALS.

Governor Atkinson's Opinion as to the Availability of Funds for Their Construction and Maintenance.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 26.-After further consideration of the question arising out of the omission from the general appropriation act of an appropriation for the three miners' hospitals, created by the recent legisla-ture, Governor Atkinson to-day made the following statement:

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Does a special act of the legislature, creating a state institution for the benefit of the people, which specifically carries with it all of the necessary appropriation is specifically mentioned in the general appropriation lis specifically mentioned in the general appropriation bill or not? This is the question at issue in the matter of these three miners' hospitals.

"As a matter of law, a special act of the legislature, carrying with it the necessary appropriations to enforce it, is mandatory upon the suditor, whether such appropriation is embodied in the general appropriation bill is only intended to cover general purposes, while a special act is for a special purpose. Therefore, a special act of the legislature which carries with it an appropriation bill to make it obligatory upon the auditor to make it obligatory upon the auditor to pay it, as the mandatory will of the people expressed in a legislative body assembled is binding, which body is their simple mouth-pleec, no more, no less.

"If the legislature decides that these there hospitals shall be created, and in the act specifies that the auditor shall pay out of any money in the treasury the necessary expense therefore, then it it is the duty of the auditor to pay out such sums of money, even though such amount or amounts are not mentioned in the general appropriation bill. This is exactly what was done in this particular case. As to whether the money appropriated in the special act creating these hospitals shall be paid out, rests wholly upon the auditor's construction of the law, as he is the financial agent of the state, and necessarily controls its deposits."

Auditor Lafolette is not in the city, and his views upon the subject cannot be secured. The question at issue involves a fine point of law, and it may require the decision of the supreme court to settle it.

SELBOURNE'S SPEECH On the Relations Between America and Great Britain. LONDON, April 26.-The Earl of Sel-

bourne, under secretary of state for the colonies, addressing a Conservative mass meeting this evening at St. Albans, said he thought if any justification of Lord Salisbury's policy were required it was afforded by the present relations between the United States and

relations between the United States and Great Britain.

"At a trying time," said his lordship, "the government preserved their self-control and waited for coolness, justice and common sense to reassert themselves. Now the dark, miserable cloud which so long hung over the Angio-Saxon people has drifted off. It is only a few days since British and American officers and men fell on the same field of conquest. They were not engaged in fratricidal strife, but were fighting shoulder to shoulder; and small though the incident was, it will be of importance in the history of the world."

All must regret, continued Lord Selbourne, the lamentable cause of the incident, but the only three nations concerned.

cident, but the only three nations con-cerned were what he might term the "three cousin nations of the world." He remarked that he had no doubt Ameri-ca and Germany in this matter would prove as amenable as Great Britain to the dictates of common senso.

NEGOTIATIONS ON

For Merging of Yast Steel Interests

Into one Concern. PITTTSBURGH, April 26,-The Comnercial Gazette to-morrow will publish a story to the effect that negotiations are on for merging the National Steel Company, capitalized at \$59,000,-000, the American Tin Plate Company capitalized at \$50,000,000, and the Amer

capitalized at \$50,000,000, and the American Steel Hoop Company, capitalized at \$33,000,000, into a single company.

It is said by a leader of one of the interests that the deal will go through, and he states further that the ultimate object is to combine all iron and steel interests of the company, which will include the Federal Steel Company, the American Steel & Wire Company, the Carneste company and the Lives Steel American Steel & Wire Company, the Carnegle company and the Union Steel and Chain Company, together with Rockefeller and other interests. A rough estimate of the capitalization of t vast combine is placed at \$500,000,000.

In Mr. Jones' Opinion.

CHICAGO, April 26.—"The diplomatic service is a disgrace to our country," sald Frank H. Jones, who was assistant postmaster general under President Cleveland, in an address delivered be-fore the Chicago Woman's Club to-day fore the Chicago Woman's Club on "The Need of Competency and manent Tenure in Municipal Office."

There was a large attendance of members of the club, and Mr. Jones was loudly applauded for his plea for civil service.

"We are represented abroad by men who have no experience, and many of "We are represented abroad by men who have no experience, and many of them without the qualifications for dealing with business men. I say the diplomatic service is a disgrace to our country. How can we be commercially great when we neglect the greatest chance we have of promoting greatness and assuring the respect of foreigners and securing the respect of foreigners a good diplomatic service."

Victors Prize Fight.

ST. LOUIS, April 26 .- One of the fastest and most vicious prize fights ever est and most vicious prize lights ever seen in this place, took place in the West End Club to-night, between Jack Monett, of Chicago, and Frank Purcell, of San Francisco. The latter was clearly outpointed and soverely punish-ed. Purcell tried hard to land a knockout blow but falled. The decision was given to Moffet at the end of twenty rounds.

Movements of Steamships. ROTTERDAM-Arrived: Statendam.

AMSTERDAM-Arrived: Werkendam, New York.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virgina, fair Thursday and Friday, variable winds. For Western Pennsylvania, fair Thursday: Friday fair in southren portion, showers in northern portion; fresh south-casterly winds.
For Ohlo, fair and warm Thursday: Friday fair in southern, showers and cooler in northern portion; showers and cooler in northern posteries. northern portion; increasing southeasterly

Local Temperature.